

**CANTON PARK COMMISSION  
BOARD MINUTES  
MONTHLY MEETING  
JANUARY 7, 2016**

The Canton Board of Park Commissioners met in a regular meeting on January 7, 2016.

Attendees:

Board Members: President - Andrew Black, Member – Maranda Saling

Staff Members Present: Park Director – Derek Gordon, Office Manager – Theresa Gang, Recreation Director – Greg Mytinger,

Community Members: Tom Harmon – Councilman At-Large, Jessica Miller, John Stone, Ken Ash

The meeting was called to order at 4:03pm by President Black.

Meeting minutes from the December 9, 2015 Regular Meeting were reviewed by the Commissioners. President Black motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Saling seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. 2015 Levy Campaign / Transition Update – Director Gordon reviewed the campaign strategies and actions that were discussed at the most recent Levy Campaign Committee meetings. He also requested the Commissioner's attendance at the following Community Campaign Rally – Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> – 6:00pm – McKinley H.S. Downtown Campus.

**EVENT REQUESTS:**

1. Vietnam Veteran's Easter Egg Hunt – Arboretum Park – March 26<sup>th</sup> (Fee Waiver) - Commissioner Saling motioned to approve the event request with the fee waiver as it is a free public event. Commissioner Black seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
2. SCUMADOAP Juneteenth Celebration – Nimisilla Park – June 11<sup>th</sup> - Commissioner Black motioned to approve the event. Commissioner Saling seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Josette Beddell Memorial 5K – Stadium Park – June 25<sup>th</sup> - Commissioner Black motioned to approve the event contingent upon receipt of payment for last year's public event fee. Commissioner Saling seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Kids of Purpose – Martindale Park – July 9<sup>th</sup> Commissioner Black motioned to approve the event. Commissioner Saling seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Pro Football Hall of Fame – Wetland Mitigation Proposal – Arboretum Park – Jessica Miller, a consultant from the Hall of Fame project presented a proposal to develop a forested wetland at Arboretum Park. (See attached) This wetland would satisfy the mitigation requirements for the Hall of Fame project and would accommodate and beautify the disc golf course on the property. After a thorough review and a series of questions and answers Commissioner Black motioned to provide a letter of support for the concept contingent upon the response of a public meeting and final review of the contract. Commissioner Saling seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Willig Field Fencing Request – CJRD – Recreation Director Mytinger presented a proposal to secure the entry points of Willig Field with gates to prevent ongoing vandalism at the facility. Commissioner Black expressed concerns about restricting public access and a discussion ensued about the intended and actual use of the facility. Commissioner Black motioned to approve the proposal. Commissioner Saling seconded. Motion

passed unanimously. Commissioner Black asked Mr. Mytinger to keep the Commission apprised of the impact of the gates and reminded everyone in attendance that the Commission withholds the right to reverse their decision if necessary.

3. 2015 Annual Report Review – Director Gordon presented a draft copy of the 2015 annual report. He also commended Recreation Director Mytinger for his willingness to combine the Recreation annual report with the Park annual report for the first time in the history of the two organizations. The Commission commended this collaboration and recommended that a report from both community centers be added to the full report before it was finalized and approved at the February meeting.
4. Financial Report – Director Gordon apologized that he was unable to distribute this report in advance of the meeting as the City’s financial system was closed until the day before the meeting for end of the year budgeting purposes. President Black asked to table the report for further review until the February meeting.
5. Director’s Report – Director Gordon presented his monthly report to the Commission. (See Attached) As a result of the report the Commission asked the Director to engage in further discussion with the Water Department about the possibility of securing an MOU for water rates and usage at the new spraypark at the SECC, Turtle Park, and Herbruck Park.
6. Executive Session - Commissioner Black motioned to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters at 5:28pm. Commissioner Saling seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Black motioned to exit Executive Session at 6:30pm. Commissioner Black seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Black motioned to adjourn at 6:31pm. Commissioner Saling seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Next Park Commission Meeting is scheduled to be held at 4:00pm on February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Canton Parks and Recreation Offices.

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Andy Black, President

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Derek Gordon, Director